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FORMER UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE STUDENT CHARGED WITH MAKING BOMB THREATS

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that Mehran Mirgheshmi, 38, a former University of Evansville student, was charged by complaint in federal court with making bomb threats to the University of Evansville, following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Evansville Police Department, and the University of Evansville's Office of Safety and Security.

The complaint and affidavit allege that on October 16, 2009, October 19, 2009, January 28, 2010, February 3, 2010, February 16, 2010, March 1, 2010, and March 3, 2010, Mirgheshmi placed telephone calls to the University of Evansville wherein he notified the university that bombs had been planted at various locations on the university's campus. The FBI led investigation culminated with Mirgheshmi's arrest on March 19, 2010.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthias D. Onderak, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Mirgheshmi faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years in prison. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville, Indiana.

The complaint is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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